



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Kimberli Rompilla called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing, "Old Mac Donald's." We also sang Happy Birthday to Tonya Temple and Eagles' head waiter Ned Engle. Our guests included Emily Matthews guest of Sandy, Jeff Noble, guest of Kraig, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim, Aruba Khokhar, guest of Ali Khokhar. Also present were MHS senior guests Courtney Hisey, Allie Boley, Alex Nagel and Cassi Charboneau.

Happy Dollars

Happy dollars were shared by club members including Sandy Matthews, Tami Sanford, Keith Fledderjohann, Deb Zwez, Mike Makley, Ali

Khokhar, Rick Gerdeman, Marty Dodrill, Kraig Noble, and Bill Maki.

Fines

Ali Khokhar did the fining this week. Ali got back into the swing of things with a credit to Kraig and Jeff S. then fined Jim Harris just for being and Tami Sanford because of tax season. A group fine covered most of men in attendance as he fined all those who did not bring their wife to the meeting. (See guest list above)

Announcements

The 2011 District Conference will be in Columbus on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2011. Our club's annual banquet is set for June 9.

Administrative Professionals Day will be April 27. Remember to bring the important people from your office.

Volunteers Deb Zwez, Jeff Squire, Ken Strickland, Alex Pittman and Mike Makley will represent Rotary in "quiz bowl" to compete at the high school April 20th. We will learn results at next week's meeting.

Gary Newton gave the short version of the proposed changes to the bylaws which in essence changes the dues structure to eliminate the annual auction as a mandatory spending item for each member and changes it to a supplemental fund-raising effort for club projects. Gary announced that the Bylaw change will be voted on at the April 27th meeting. Please contact Gary with any questions.

There was a short board meeting after the regular meeting.

Reminder that dues are due or past due. Please pay as soon as possible.

Program

Kimberli then introduced our speaker for the day, Angie Westfall, co-manager of the local Kroger store. Angie has been with Kroger for about 9 years and is now one of 3 co-managers at the St. Marys store.



Kroger was founded by Bernard H. Kroger in 1883 when he started the store with \$372.00. The business was incorporated in 1902 and has now grown to be one of the nation's largest grocery retailers with \$82.2 billion in sales in 2010. Basically the Kroger grocery stores are located in Northern Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, with related stores in around 38 states.

The St. Marys Kroger store has about 135 employees with 1 manager and 3 co-managers. The store stocks close to 40,000 items in its 63,000 square foot store with a pharmacy and a floral shop under the same roof. The headquarters for this area are in Cincinnati and this division now has its first female president.

The St. Marys store has greatly exceeded expectations with around 24,000 customers a week and weekly volume of \$600,000 to \$800,000 in sales. Trucks deliver groceries and other items to the store around 3-4 times

each week to help minimize the number of out of stock items.

The St. Marys store draws customers from a large area from all directions with one recent customer coming from Fort Wayne, Ind.

An added feature for 2011 at the St. Marys store is the addition of a Garden Center that is open 9-8 every day.

Queen of Hearts

Bill Maki won the drawing for the day's pot, but the queen lives. The drawing for the lily was won by Mark Ashman.

Upcoming Programs

4/27 Admin. Prof. Day
Chocolate with Bob Lammers

Upcoming Greeters

4/27 Sandy Matthews
5/4 Allen Baskett
5/11 Joe Burke

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?